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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina visited party leader Saber Hossain Chowdhury who was injured in a police action during hartal hours in the city yesterday. Saber is now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Jute export exceeds target

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Jute Lutfor Rahman Khan yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that Bangladesh

exported 25.19 lakh bales of raw jute during last fiscal (2002-2003), which was 148 per cent of export target.

Replying to a question from BNP lawmaker M A Hashem, the state minister informed the House that 3.65 lakh tonnes of jute products were exported during the same period that was 75 per cent of the export target for the last fiscal.

BJMC exported 1.68 lakh metric tonnes of jute products worth Tk 527 crore to 87 countries during the last fiscal, the state minister told another questioner, Hafiz Ibrahim.

To a question from Abul Kalam, he said that raw jute was procured at the rate of minimum Tk 275 and maximum Tk 410 per maund in centres under BJMC mills during the current fiscal.

Bangladesh gets more Ganges waters than its share

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Bangladesh has received more Ganges waters from India during the first ten-day circle of this month than its indicative share as per the Ganges Water-Sharing Agreement between the two countries.

Bangladesh received 81,231 cusec waters over its indicative share of 46,323 cusec from February 1 to 10, a press release issued by the Joint River Commission, Bangladesh, said here yesterday.

Bangladesh also received Ganges waters in January over its indicative share as per the agreement signed with India in 1996.

Customs officials seek security, demand arrest of Moktar's killers

BSS, Dhaka

Customs officials yesterday demanded immediate action against the assassins of their colleague Moktar Hossain and sought security during their professional duties.

Executive Officers Association of Bangladesh Customs, Excise and VAT at a meeting decided to wear black badge for a week demanding arrest of the Moktar's killers, compensation for his family and security for themselves.

The officials warned to launch a greater movement unless their demands were met.

President of the association Noimur Rahman, Secretary General Nuruzzaman and A F M Monjur Hassan addressed the meeting. P K Bhatta presided.

US ambassador visits UODA

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry K Thomas (Jr) visited the University of Development Alternative (UODA) at Dhamondi in the city on February 10, says a press release.

Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof Dr Emajuddin Ahmed received him on the campus premises.

Thomas expressed his satisfaction at the educational environment of the university and showed interest in its integrated education system.

He also spoke of possible cooperation with the UODA in the near future.

USAID Programme Officer Dr Lawrence Dolan accompanied the ambassador.